

CASE NO. 08cv 1589

ATTACHMENT NO. 10

EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_\_

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1 time?

2 A. They were white, light-colored shoes.

3 Q. Officer Fassl, at the time when you  
4 observed the victim, were you able to observe what  
5 condition she was in?

6 A. At the time we discovered the body it was  
7 in an high state of decomposition, there was  
8 slippage of skin from the face and large  
9 infestations by maggots on the body.

10 Q. Officer Fassl, were you one of the  
11 original officers, if not one of the originals,  
12 the original officer on the scene?

13 A. Yes, Officer Hughes and I arrived  
14 simultaneously.

15 Q. As one of the original officers  
16 on a crime scene, what is your duty?

17 A. The main responsibility of the initial  
18 officer is protection of the crime scene until  
19 Area 2 violent crime detectives can arrive, crime  
20 personnel is also responsible for logging who  
21 arrived on the crime scene and then to protect our  
22 crime scene.

23 Q. Officer, approximately what time did you  
24 arrive, do you recall?

1 A. It was approximately 2:24 p.m..

2 Q. That's in the afternoon?

3 A. On the afternoon of 8, August, '88.

4 Q. Officer, you testified that there were  
5 two items of clothing around the neck, a shoe lace  
6 and what you believe was a top, is that correct?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. Could you describe the top itself, was  
9 there anything unusual about the way that top  
10 appeared--

11 Strike that.

12 Let me rephrase the question.

13 Was the top pulled up?

14 MS. PLACEK: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

16 MR. MURPHY: I will withdraw it.

17 Q. Can you describe where the shoe laces and  
18 the top were in relation with being around the  
19 neck?

20 A. The shoe laces appeared to be at the base  
21 of the neck closest to the shoulder, where as the  
22 top it appeared to be higher at the top of the  
23 neck.

24 Q. And what would be just below the chin?

1           A.     At the back of the neck but it appeared  
2     to be at the chin and just below the chin level.

3           Q.     The top was noted then?

4           A.     That is correct.

5           Q.     When you say noted, what happened?

6           A.     There was a large, what would be a common  
7     knot, a large knot tied at the rear at the back of  
8     the neck.

9           Q.     And, Officer Fassl, you testified in  
10    describing the state of decomposition you  
11    described maggot infestation, is that correct?

12          A.     That is correct.

13          Q.     Was that in and around the area of the  
14    body?

15          A.     Yes.

16          Q.     There were garbage bags near the victim  
17    as well?

18          A.     When I initially discovered the body of  
19    the victim, there were garbage bags actually on  
20    top of the victim.

21          Q.     Was that maggot infestation in and around  
22    those garbage bags as well?

23          A.     Yes, it was.

24                 MR. MURPHY: May I approach the witness,

1 Judge?

2 THE COURT: You may.

3 MR. MURPHY:

4 Q. Officer Fassl, I'm going to show you what  
5 has been previously marked as People's Exhibit  
6 Number 1, do you recognize the person shown in  
7 that photograph?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. Who do you recognize that person to be?

10 A. The body.

11 MS. PLACEK: I would like to see it.

12 You had asked who it was.

13 MR. MURPHY:

14 Q. Officer, could you please describe what  
15 is shown in People's Exhibit Number 1?

16 A. This is the photo of the body that I  
17 discovered in the garage at the rear of 251 West  
18 117th Street. This would be a morgue photo that  
19 was taken later, the body is turn over on it's  
20 back and the body has also been cleaned up.

21 MS. PLACEK: With all due respect, -- no  
22 knowledge of testifying as to the matter stated.

23 THE COURT: The objection's overruled.

24 MR. MURPHY: Thank you, Officer.

1 Q. Officer, I'm also going to show you what  
2 has been marked People's Exhibit Number 17 for  
3 identification, could you please describe?

4 A. What is shown in this photo would be the  
5 south alley of 250 West block of 117th Street.  
6 This photo would be taken from west to east, it  
7 shows the alley from Princeton, eastbound to the  
8 T.

9 On the left is the shrubbery that  
10 surrounded the garage at the area of 251 West  
11 117th Street.

12 Q. Officer, I'm going to ask you to take  
13 this marker, please mark the area where the garage  
14 is shown on this photograph, as best you can.

15 THE WITNESS: (Indicating.)

16 MR. MURPHY: Thank you.

17 Q. I'm also going to show you what has been  
18 marked as People's Exhibit Number 18, could you  
19 please look at that and describe it please?

20 A. This is the south alley of 25000 block of  
21 117th Street of west Chicago. This photo would be  
22 taken from east to West looking toward Princeton  
23 just from the T-alley.

24 The garage which was at the rear of 251

1 West 117th Street is on the right of this photo  
2 behind some dense shrubbery.

3 Q. Again, Officer, I would ask you to mark  
4 the area of the garage?

5 A. You can see a portion of the garage in  
6 this photo through the leaves there.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 Officers, I'm also going to show you what  
9 I'm marking as People's Exhibit Number 19 for  
10 identification purposes.

11 I would ask you to look at this  
12 photograph and tell me what is depicted?

13 A. This is the rear, what would normally be  
14 an overhead door of the garage at the rear of 251  
15 West 117th Street. This photo would be taken from  
16 the south looking north, that is the door faced  
17 south towards the T-alley.

18 At the time the discovery of the body  
19 this was the condition of which the garage door  
20 was found, which was boarded up.

21 Q. Was the condition of that door ever  
22 altered during the time you were at the scene?

23 A. Yes, later time at the request of Area 2  
24 violent crimes and officers from the crime lab

1 this door was pulled down for better access to the  
2 garage.

3 Q. Thank you.

4 I'm also going to show you what has been  
5 marked People's Exhibit Number 20 for  
6 identification purposes.

7 Would you please describe to Judge Holt  
8 what is shown in that photo?

9 A. This photo on the left side of this  
10 photograph shows the garage at the rear of 251  
11 West 117th Street.

12 This photo was taken from east to west,  
13 it also shows the rear of the house at 251 West  
14 117th Street. What you see here shows the  
15 boarded-up window on the south of that abandoned  
16 residence.

17 Q. Thank you.

18 Also showing you what has been marked as  
19 People's Exhibit Number 21 for identification  
20 purposes.

21 Could you please describe what is shown  
22 in that photo?

23 A. This is again what was the overhead door  
24 on the south side of the garage at the rear of 251



1 West 117th Street after the boards that were  
2 initially covering that had been removed at the  
3 request of Area 2 violent crimes. Now the door is  
4 completely open and you can see what the boards  
5 that were covering that, we placed to the right of  
6 the garage.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 I'll also show you what has been marked  
9 as People's Exhibit Number 22 for identification  
10 purposes.

11 Would you please describe what's shown in  
12 that photo?

13 A. Here in this photo it shows the rear  
14 which would be the south side of the house at 251  
15 West 117th Street. It also shows the garage,  
16 which is to the right here at the rear of 251 West  
17 117th Street.

18 When I arrived on the scene, this would  
19 be the alley right here, the south alley of West  
20 117th Street. The garage door was open as in the  
21 manner it is right now when we arrived on the  
22 scene.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 I'm also going to show you what has been

1 marked People's Exhibit Number 23 for  
2 identification purposes and please describe what's  
3 shown in that photo?

4 A. This is the garage at the rear of 251  
5 West 117th Street. It shows this service door  
6 which would be on the West side. That door was  
7 open when we initially arrived. It also shows the  
8 boarded-up window on the north side and the second  
9 boarded-up window on the West side of the garage.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 And, Officer, in the photographs I have  
12 shown you People's Exhibits 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22  
13 and 23, do those photographs truly and accurately  
14 portray the home at 251 West 117th Street and the  
15 garage exterior area as it appeared on August 8,  
16 1988?

17 A. Yes they do.

18 Q. I'm also going to show you now what has  
19 been marked as People's Exhibit Number 24 for  
20 identification purposes.

21 Would you please look at that and tell  
22 the Judge what's shown in that photo?

23 A. This is the shot of the interior of the  
24 garage at the rear of 251 West 117th Street after

1 the rear doors which had been boarded-up had been  
2 removed.

3 At this time the body of the victim has  
4 been removed, this area here in the lower right is  
5 approximately where the body of the victim had  
6 been located. As you can see there is still some  
7 garbage and there's what appears to be maggot  
8 infestation on the floor and bodily fluids.

9 Q. Officer, would you please circle that  
10 area.

11 Thank you.

12 I'm also showing you what I am marking as  
13 People's Exhibit Number 25 for identification  
14 purposes.

15 Could you please describe what's shown in  
16 that photo?

17 A. This is the interior of the garage at the  
18 rear of 251 West 117th Street with the rear door  
19 on the south of the garage still in place.

20 Here's the body of the victim. This photo would  
21 have been taken from the service door which is  
22 located on the West side of that garage.

23 As I entered the garage this would be  
24 what was first seen. As you can see the body of

1 the victim is laying there, 3 bags of garbage, one  
2 near the victim's head, one by the side and one  
3 near the victim's side.

4 In this photo you can see the victim has  
5 a gym shoe on the right foot and no shoe on the  
6 left foot. There is seepage of bodily fluid at  
7 the rear of the victim's body near the feet.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 I'm also going to show you what has been  
10 marked, People's Exhibit Number 26, can you  
11 describe that to us?

12 A. This would be a photo of the victim in  
13 the original position as what she was found. That  
14 is the southeast corner of the garage at the rear  
15 of 251 West 117th Street with the head of the  
16 victim pointing to the south.

17 It further illustrates the 3 bags of  
18 garbage that were located on the victim. These  
19 are the victim's head, these are the victim's arms  
20 which were tied behind her back, the victim's  
21 buttocks. You can see the victim's feet, here and  
22 there, one with the right shoe on, left with no  
23 shoe. You can see the high state of decomposition  
24 of the victim at the time, and the maggot

1 infestation around the victim, on top of the  
2 victim and near the garbage.

3 Q. I'm also showing you what has been marked  
4 previously as People's Exhibit Number 27.

5 What is shown in that photo?

6 A. That is a close up of the victim, same  
7 photo. As you can see here the victim is lying  
8 face down, with an arm tied behind the victim's  
9 back, thumb up, the victim's buttocks and rear  
10 leg.

11 White gym shoe on left foot without shoe,  
12 that shoe is located up here. You can see the  
13 heel of that shoe.

14 You can see the maggot infestation all  
15 along the back of the victim, heavy infestation on  
16 the right leg and all around the rear of the  
17 victim and the victim's left side.

18 Q. I'm also showing you what has been  
19 marked, People's Exhibit Number 29.

20 THE COURT: 28.

21 MR. MURPHY: Twenty-eight, Judge, I'm  
22 sorry.

23 Q. Could you please tell Judge Holt what is  
24 depicted in this photo?

1           A.     Shown here is a close up of the victim,  
2 concentrated on the head, the back, the arms and  
3 the buttocks of the victim.

4           You see the victim's face down with the  
5 head partially resting on a piece of wood, the  
6 victim's left arm tied to the lower, the right arm  
7 comes down to the bag of garbage, the victim's  
8 buttocks where the pants are open, and the back  
9 because they were open down in the front and the  
10 space and the heavy maggot infestation all around  
11 the victim and on the victim.

12          Q.     Officer Fassl, I will also show you what  
13 has been marked previously People's Exhibit Number  
14 29, can you tell Judge Holt what is depicted in  
15 this photo?

16          A.     This is a close up of the victim showing  
17 the victim's face down, head turned to the right.  
18 You can see the victim's hair. The victim's face  
19 with skin slippage showing.

20          There is an article of clothing which was  
21 located around the victim's neck with the knot  
22 tied in the rear of that clothing, it shows the  
23 victim's back. The victim had a bra on. As I  
24 said earlier, the straps of the bra partially

1 pulled down off the victim's shoulders. Also  
2 shows her hands tied around her back. There you  
3 can see the shoe lace, and there it shows the  
4 advanced state of decomposition and heavy  
5 infestation of maggots.

6 Also on the left side of the victim near  
7 her head you can see her left gym shoe in this  
8 photo where it says "Denise" and what appears in  
9 red magic marker written along the side of the  
10 shoe.

11 Q. Officer, could you please circle the area  
12 on the shoe where you see the name Denise?

13 A. (Indicating.)

14 Q. Will you also circle the area where you  
15 described the top, could you please circle where  
16 that's shown in the photo?

17 A. (Indicating).

18 Q. Thank you.

19 I'm also showing you what has been marked  
20 as People's Exhibit Number 30 for identification  
21 purposes.

22 Can you tell Judge Holt what that  
23 photograph depicts?

24 A. This is a photo of the victim, standing

1 over the victim. Shows the back of the victim's  
2 head, it shows the top with the knot that was tied  
3 at the rear of the victim's neck.

4 Below that, lower than the top, you can  
5 see the shoe lace that was also tied around her  
6 neck but at a lower point than the top.

7 In this photo you also see the shoe which  
8 is on the left side of the victim. You can see  
9 from the angle of this photo you can see the "D-  
10 E- N-" the start of "Denise" on the white shoe  
11 here. Shows the victim's bra strap pulled down  
12 and where one of the bags of garbage was located.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 Also showing you what has been marked  
15 People's Exhibit Number 31 for identification  
16 purposes.

17 Do you recognize that photo?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. What does that show?

20 A. This shows the victim. This was also  
21 taken from a position standing above the victim,  
22 the victim laying on her back, her hands tied  
23 behind her back. This is the victim's buttock  
24 area where you can see where the pants had been



1 undone at the front. There is room in here where  
2 they have come away from the back of the victim.  
3 And you can also see where the victim is found  
4 there is a bag of garbage that was thrown  
5 partially on top of the victim's head and another  
6 one thrown on the right side of the victim.

7 Q. I'm also going to show you what has been  
8 marked as People's Exhibit Number 32.

9 Can you tell Judge Holt what that  
10 photograph shows?

11 A. This is a photograph taken from above the  
12 victim. It shows the back of the victim's head,  
13 you can clearly see the top is tied, the knot in  
14 the rear, below that you see the shoe lace that  
15 was also tied around the victim's neck.

16 To the left of the victim's head is the  
17 left shoe with the name "Denise" printed in a red  
18 marker along the side of the shoe.

19 Q. And, Officer, I'm going to ask you at  
20 this time to circle the area showing both the top  
21 tied around the victim's neck and also the shoe  
22 lace which you observed around the victim's neck?

23 A. (Indicating.)

24 Q. Thank you.

1 I'm also going to show you what has been  
2 marked as People's Exhibit Number 33 I'm going to  
3 ask you to look at this photo and tell me what it  
4 shows?

5 A. This is a photo again taken from above  
6 the victim at a closer angle. It shows the back  
7 of the victim's head, top tied around the victim's  
8 head, see the shoe lace which is tied lower than  
9 the top, just below that.

10 Also shows a closer angle of the gym shoe  
11 the left of the victim's name, the name "Denise"  
12 in red magic marker on the side of that gym shoe.

13 Q. Officer Fassl, could you please circle  
14 the area on the gym shoe which shows the name  
15 "Denise"?

16 A. (Indicating.)

17 Q. I'm also showing you what has been marked  
18 as People's Exhibit Number 34 for identification  
19 purposes, would you please look at that photo and  
20 tell Judge Holt what's shown in that photo?

21 A. Shown here is a close up of what would be  
22 the back of the head and the neck and the upper  
23 back of the victim.

24 This shows the top that had been tied

1 around the victim's neck, noted in the rear, is  
2 directly below that is what appears to be a shoe  
3 lace of the victim also tied in a knot in the rear  
4 which is lower than the top, closer to the base of  
5 the neck.

6 Q. I am also showing you what has been  
7 marked as People's Exhibit Number 35.

8 Officer, would you look at that  
9 photograph and tell Judge Holt what that shows?

10 A. This is again a photo of the rear of the  
11 victim's head, neck and upper back. It shows the  
12 top, which is on the top of the victim's neck, the  
13 knot at the rear, below that at the base of the  
14 victim's neck, shows a shoe lace, there's heavy  
15 maggot infestation, the victim's back, and here is  
16 the bra strap of the victim that was pulled down  
17 off her shoulder.

18 Q. Officer, if you would, I would like you  
19 to mark separately the area where the top is on  
20 the victim's neck and also the area where the shoe  
21 lace is, if you can do that?

22 A. This is the area of the top with a knot  
23 here, below that is the shoe lace.

24 Q. Thank you.

1 I'm also showing you what has been marked  
2 as People's Exhibit Number 36.

3 Do you recognize who is shown in that  
4 photo?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. What is that?

7 A. This is the victim facing face down as  
8 she was found face down. It shows the lower part  
9 of the neck of the victim, the back and the  
10 buttocks. It illustrates how the victim's hands  
11 were tied behind her back, it illustrates the shoe  
12 laces that were used to bond the victim's hands,  
13 also visible are the pants that the victim was  
14 wearing at the time she was found and the bra,  
15 which was pulled down off her shoulders.

16 Q. Officer, would you mark the area where  
17 the shoe lace is shown tying the victim's hands?

18 A. (Indicating.)

19 Q. Thank you.

20 I'm also going to show you what I'm  
21 marking as People's Exhibit Number 37.

22 Would you tell Judge Holt who is shown in  
23 that photo?

24 A. This is a close up photograph of the

1 victim's bound hands. It shows the victim's back,  
2 the hands, that they are bound. Also illustrated  
3 here is the shoe lace which the victim hands were  
4 bound. It also shows the victim's pants and the  
5 top of the pants and as they are pulled away as  
6 they are unfastened in the front. You can also  
7 see the advanced state of decomposition, the  
8 slippage starting, the victim's hands.

9 Q. Officer Fassl, I'm also showing you what  
10 has been marked as People's Exhibit Number 30, at  
11 least I'm marking People's Exhibit Number 30A,  
12 would you please look at that photo and tell the  
13 Judge what that photo shows?

14 A. This is again a close up of the victim's  
15 hands with the hands bound behind the victim, it  
16 shows the shoe lace that was used to bind the  
17 victim's hands, evident of the photo above that is  
18 the victim's bra partially pulled up off her  
19 shoulders.

20 Q. I am also showing you what is being  
21 marked as People's Exhibit Number 39. Would you  
22 please describe what that photograph shows?

23 A. This is a photograph that was taken after  
24 the victim was turned over when found laying on

1 her stomach. She was rolled over onto her back.  
2 This is a photo, shows the victim's bra partially  
3 pulled down off the victim's shoulder, shows  
4 advanced state of decomposition, slippage skin  
5 of the victim's face, the top, noted around the  
6 victim's neck is illustrated in the photograph.  
7 It shows the pants the victim had on, the pants  
8 that are open in the front, unfastened.

9 Q. And that photograph shows the pants as  
10 they were unfastened as they appeared on August 8,  
11 '88?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. Could you please mark that with the  
14 marker that you have.

15 I'm also going to show you what I'm  
16 marking as People's Exhibit Number 40 and ask you  
17 to look at that photograph and tell me what that  
18 shows?

19 A. This photo was taken after the officers  
20 from the crime lab had lifted the victim. She was  
21 laying face forward, laid it back and then rolled  
22 the body over, it shows the advanced stages of  
23 decomposition, the slippage on the victim. Again  
24 it illustrates the top tied around the victim's

1 neck. It shows a high level of infestation by  
2 maggots, and this is the victim's bra, which had  
3 been partially pulled off her shoulders. As I  
4 said, there was an advanced state of slippage in  
5 the facial area.

6 Q. When you refer to that, the face was, in  
7 fact, no longer there?

8 A. In this photo as you can see there is  
9 basically no facial features left.

10 Q. I'm also showing you what has been marked  
11 as People's Exhibit Number 41.

12 Do you recognize what is shown in that  
13 photo?

14 A. Yes. This is a photo of the victim, the  
15 victim has now been turned over and laying on her  
16 back, there is evidence the victim's hands is  
17 still bound behind her back, then here it shows  
18 the victim with her pants, the pants are open and  
19 the front unfastened in the front.

20 Q. Is that the condition she was in when  
21 you-- although she has been cleaned up a little  
22 bit, does that portray the condition she was in  
23 when you observed her?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. I'm also showing you what has been marked  
2 as People's Exhibit Number 42, could you please  
3 tell Judge Holt what that photograph shows?

4 A. This is a photograph of the top that had  
5 been tied around the victim's chin and upper neck,  
6 showing the knot that was at the rear of the  
7 victim's neck, which that's the way she was found  
8 and you can look down and see the knot.

9 Q. Also showing you what has been marked as  
10 People's Exhibit Number 43, do you recognize what  
11 that photograph shows?

12 A. This is a photograph of the victim, shows  
13 the victim's head, the victim's right ear, what  
14 had been the victim's face. It shows the shoe  
15 lace across the victim in the neck area and the  
16 top which was around the victim's neck, noted in  
17 the rear.

18 Q. I am also showing you what has been  
19 marked as People's Exhibit Number 44.

20 Do you recognize what has been shown in  
21 that photo?

22 A. This is a photo taken from the left side,  
23 it shows the victim's head, neck and shoulder  
24 area, advanced state of decomposition of the



1 victim, slippage on the face. It again shows the  
2 shoe lace which was tied and knotted around the  
3 victim's neck and the top that was tied and  
4 knotted at the rear of the victim's neck.

5 Q. And finally, I am going to show you what  
6 I will mark as People's Exhibit Numbers 45 and 46,  
7 can you describe to Judge Holt what's shown in  
8 those 2 photographs?

9 A. What's shown in these photographs, the  
10 shoe laces that were found, one tied around the  
11 victim's hands, because the victim's hands were  
12 bound behind her body and the other one is a shoe  
13 lace that was found tied, a knot around the  
14 victim's neck.

15 Q. Officer Fassl, with respect to these  
16 photos, which I have shown you, People's Exhibit  
17 24 up to and including People's Exhibit Number 46,  
18 do those photographs truly and accurately show the  
19 scene inside the garage at 251 West 117th Street,  
20 the condition of the victim that was found there,  
21 and the condition of various items of clothing as  
22 they appeared and as she appeared on the date of  
23 August 8, 1988?

24 A. They do.

1           Q.    Officer Fassl, I'm also showing you what  
2           has been marked as People's Exhibit Number 12 for  
3           identification purposes, do you recognize what  
4           Group Exhibit Number 12 -- Do you recognize what  
5           those items are?

6           A.    Yes, I do.

7           Q.    What are they?

8           A.    These are the shoe, the right shoe, which  
9           was found on the right foot of the victim, and the  
10          left shoe was found on the left side of the head  
11          of the victim on August 8, 1988 in the garage at  
12          251 West 117th Street.

13          Q.    And are those shoes, do those shoes show  
14          anything that you recognize from when you observed  
15          the shoes on August 8, 1988?

16          A.    These shoes, as I found them on that  
17          date, are without laces. As I stated earlier, the  
18          right shoe appears to be a name brand of "Princes"  
19          on the side of the shoe.

20                The left shoe, which was illustrated in  
21          quite a few of the photographs was found on the  
22          left side of the body next to the head. It shows  
23          a marker the name "Denise" on the left side of the  
24          shoe.

1 Q. And, Officer Fassl, are those shoes  
2 exactly the same as they appeared on August 8,  
3 1988?

4 A. No. At that time, when I saw the shoes  
5 they appeared a much lighter color, more white.

6 Q. Since then they have deteriorated to some  
7 extent?

8 A. I would imagine being in the plastic bag.

9 MS. PLACEK: Objection to what he  
10 imagined.

11 THE COURT: That part will go out.

12 MR. MURPHY:

13 Q. Other than that they appeared to be the  
14 same or substantially the same?

15 A. Substantially the same, yes.

16 Q. Officer, you testified that you are  
17 familiar with the area in and around 251 West  
18 117th Street, is that correct?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. Are you also familiar with 11720  
21 Princeton?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. I am showing you a photograph which has  
24 been marked as People's Exhibit Number 47.

1                   Do you recognize what is shown in that  
2 photo?

3           A.     Yes, it's a photo of the front of the  
4 house and the front porch at 11720 South  
5 Princeton, which the house here faces east, so the  
6 picture would be taken from east to west.

7           Q.     I'm also going to show you what has been  
8 marked as People's Exhibit Number 11, do you  
9 recognize the area that's shown in that particular  
10 photograph?

11          A.     The area that's shown here, this  
12 photograph will be taken from approximately 11720  
13 Princeton looking in what would be a northeasterly  
14 direction.

15               MR. LUFRANO: Objection to what it's  
16 taken from unless he took it.

17               THE COURT: No, overruled. He can tell.

18               THE WITNESS: Taking from a northeasterly  
19 direction looking from the south alley of 117th  
20 Street and which would be the alley between  
21 Princeton and south alley between Princeton and  
22 Yale.

23               It shows the areas -- this here is the  
24 rear of the house at 251 West 117th Street.

1 Q. And, Officer, does that, in fact, that  
2 area as it exists today, at this time, there is no  
3 garage located 251 West 117th Street, is that  
4 correct?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. What is located there?

7 A. Now, I believe all there is left is a  
8 cement pad.

9 Q. What if anything does that photograph  
10 show in regards to the garage at 251 West 117th?

11 A. It shows the actual garage, the garage at  
12 the time of August, '88 would have been standing  
13 approximately right here in the photograph, you  
14 would be able to see it between the houses here  
15 and the 2-flat on the right.

16 Q. Could you please mark that on the photo  
17 where the garage was approximately?

18 A. (Indicating.)

19 Q. And where's the house at 251 West 117th  
20 Street, is that shown in this photo?

21 A. This here with the dormer and the window  
22 would be the house of 251 West 117th Street.

23 Q. And the address of 251 West 117th Street,  
24 where is that in relation to this house?

1           A.     That would be the house just west of 251  
2     West 117th Street.

3           Q.     In fact, is that portion of that house  
4     shown in the photograph?

5           A.     Yes, you can see the top of the roof  
6     there.

7           Q.     I would ask you to mark that as well.

8           A.     (Marking.)

9           Q.     Officer, showing you what has been marked  
10    People's Exhibit Number 9 for identification  
11    purposes, do you recognize what is shown in that  
12    photo?

13          A.     This is a photo of the rear, 251 West  
14    117th Street.

15          Q.     Showing the residence and the pad where  
16    the garage had been located and the photo also  
17    depicts 255 West 117th Street and 259 West 117th.  
18    In fact, 259 is right next door?

19               MS. PLACEK: I am sorry, Mr. Murphy, I  
20    thought the witness indicated 259 West 117th  
21    Street ?

22               MR. MURPHY: Judge, he did. He said the  
23    3 houses over was 259.

24          Q.     Officer, where is 255 West 117th?

1           A.     255 West 117th Street is the house  
2 depicted here in the photograph directly west of  
3 251 West 117th Street.

4           Q.     Would you please mark that?

5           A.     (Indicating.)

6           THE COURT:   What Exhibit?

7           MR. MURPHY:   Judge, this is People's  
8 Exhibit Number 9, which had been previously marked  
9 and identified on another day.

10          Q.     Also, Officers, you testified on the area  
11 of the garage that is located in this photo, is  
12 that correct?

13          A.     That is correct.

14          Q.     Could you please show that as well with  
15 this marker?

16          A.     Certainly; the pad here where this garage  
17 was located, this photo is taken from the south of  
18 the alley.

19          Q.     I am also showing you People's Exhibit  
20 Number 10 for identification purposes, do you  
21 recognize what is shown?

22          A.     This photo shows the rear of the house at  
23 251 West 117th Street. It shows the side and the  
24 rear of the residence located 255 West 117th

1 Street.

2 It also shows the pad where the garage  
3 had been located at the rear of 251 West 117th  
4 Street.

5 Q. And finally, Officer, I am going to show  
6 you what has been previously marked as People's  
7 Exhibit Number 8, do you recognize what is shown  
8 in that photo?

9 A. This photo taken from the rear of 251  
10 West 117th Street and the foreground of the  
11 photograph you can see the cement pad where the  
12 garage had been located, this would be the south  
13 alley between Princeton, or Yale, Princeton, and  
14 this depicts, this photograph here is the front of  
15 the house, which faces east of 11720 South  
16 Princeton showing the front of the house and the  
17 front porch.

18 Q. I am sorry for interrupting you.

19 A. This photograph is taken from a  
20 southwesterly direction from east to west.

21 Q. Could you please mark where on that  
22 photograph 11720 Princeton is shown?

23 A. (Indicating.)

24 Q. Now, Officer, with regards to this



1 particular photograph, People's Exhibit Number 47,  
2 does that truly and accurately portray the way  
3 11720 Princeton appeared on the date of August 8,  
4 1988 to your knowledge?

5 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

6 Q. With respect to the other photographs  
7 People's Exhibits 8, 9, 10 and 11, those  
8 photographs do not portray the way the area in and  
9 around 11720 Princeton at 251 West 117th Street  
10 appeared on August 8, 1988, is that correct?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. In fact, these photographs were taken in  
13 the winter time?

14 A. Yes, they are taken in the wintertime.  
15 The garage which on August 8, 1988 was located in  
16 the area of 251 West 117th Street is now gone.

17 Q. Other than the fact they were taken in  
18 the winter and the garage is removed, do those  
19 photographs truly and accurately portray the way  
20 those buildings appeared on that date?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And the way they are related to one  
23 another?

24 A. Yes, they do.

1 MR. MURPHY: Judge, I would ask that the  
2 witness be allowed to step down from the witness  
3 stand and approach the Exhibit, the diagram.

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 (Witness steps from the stand.)

6 Q. Officer, I ask you to look at People's  
7 Exhibit Number 6, do you recognize what this is?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What is this a diagram of?

10 A. This is a diagram of the area from 117th  
11 to 120 Wentworth to Harvard, located in the City  
12 of Chicago.

13 Q. Officer, does that diagram show the area  
14 of -- perhaps not this scale -- but, at least,  
15 show the area as it appears in open view?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Would that diagram aid you in describing  
18 the area to Judge Holt?

19 A. Yes, it would.

20 Q. Officer Fassl, if you would, would you  
21 please use this marker and please mark the area  
22 where the house is located, 11720?

23 A. 11720 South Princeton is approximately  
24 here. South on Princeton just south of the second

1 house south of the alley here.

2 Q. If you could use a rectangle or whatever  
3 it would take to show approximately the area that  
4 the house filled?

5 A. Indicate building.

6 Q. And where is the front of the house,  
7 would you make that with a "F."

8 A. There would be the "F" of the house  
9 facing east.

10 Q. Now, Officer, I would also ask you to use  
11 that marker you have and mark the area where the  
12 house and garage were located at 251 West 117th  
13 Street?

14 A. The house would be located approximately  
15 here, 3 houses east of the corner of 117th and  
16 Princeton. The garage is located at the rear of  
17 251 West 117th Street here, just West of -- This  
18 is a T. The alley runs south, alley runs east and  
19 west, the T-alley runs north and south, the garage  
20 at that location is located just to the west of  
21 that T-alley.

22 Q. And, Officer Fassl, with the use of that  
23 diagram, would you please mark the area where the  
24 house is located at 255 West 117th Street?

1           A.     The house at 255 West 117th Street would  
2     be directly next door just to the west of 251,  
3     west 117th Street.

4                     (Witness resumes the stand.)

5           MR. MURPHY:

6           Q.     Officer, these photographs what I have  
7     already identified, People's Exhibit Numbers 10  
8     and 9, other than the distinctions that you have  
9     already made, is there another distinction with  
10    respect to the house that can be made in  
11    comparison to August 8, 1988?

12          A.     The houses depicted in these photographs  
13    is no longer abandoned, the windows are  
14    unobstructed with shades. On 8, August, '88, the  
15    windows at the rear of the house and the rear had  
16    been boarded over because the house was abandoned  
17    at that time.

18          MR. MURPHY:     Thank you.

19          Q.     Officer Fassl, at some point after you  
20    had taken control of the crime scene, was this  
21    matter then turned over to Area 2 detectives to  
22    your knowledge?

23          A.     That is correct.

24          MR. MURPHY:     No further questions, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Before we commence cross  
2 examination, we'll take a five-minute recess.

3 (Whereupon there was a brief  
4 recess, after which the  
5 following proceedings were had:)

6 THE COURT: Proceed, Counsel.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION {}

8 BY MS. PLACEK:

9 Q. Officers you have identified quite a few  
10 pictures in this court today?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you have refreshed your memory with  
13 your report?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Would it be correct to say that as you  
16 sit there now and what you testified to with the  
17 State's Attorney that actually what you are  
18 testifying is your fresh memory and what you know  
19 eventually happened in this case not on what you  
20 recall or saw on the date in time?

21 MR. MURPHY: Objection to the form of the  
22 question.

23 THE COURT: Overruled, if he answers it.

24 THE WITNESS: My memory has been

1 refreshed from viewing the photographs and from my  
2 original case report and that's the extent of my  
3 presentation.

4 MS. PLACEK:

5 Q. Well, aside from your preparation isn't  
6 it correct that, in fact, what you have testified  
7 today to is enhanced by what was later found out  
8 by the Chicago police?

9 A. Not at all. My responsibilities and  
10 duties at that time and in relation to the case  
11 only relates to the Discovery of the body,  
12 guarding the crime scene and my observations of  
13 the crime scene at that time. I had no further  
14 interest in the case.

15 Q. Well, let's talk about that for a moment.  
16 Today you described for the State's  
17 Attorney and for his Honor Judge Holt that you  
18 clearly saw not only a piece of clothing, that is,  
19 a blouse and shoe laces?

20 MR. MURPHY: Objection, Judge.

21 MS. PLACEK: Or shoe lace.

22 THE COURT: What is the objection?

23 MR. MURPHY: Well, the characterization  
24 to the top as a blouse.

1 MS. PLACEK: A top, and a shoe lace  
2 around the victim's neck, correct?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. Isn't that correct, in fact, what you  
5 have in your report, which was made on the date  
6 and time in question, is that you saw a stocking  
7 tied around the victim's neck, is that correct?

8 A. Yeah, I believe that is what is stated in  
9 the original case.

10 Q. And as a matter of fact you mentioned  
11 nothing about shoe laces or top, blouse or top  
12 around the victim's neck, correct, in your report?

13 A. That is correct, that is the initial case  
14 report is just a summary.

15 Q. I understand that, Officer, but in that  
16 summary, what you have in there -- and correct me  
17 if I'm wrong, is that, in fact, a stocking was  
18 around her throat?

19 MR. MURPHY: Objection asked and  
20 answered.

21 THE COURT: Overruled.

22 MS. PLACEK: Is that correct?

23 A. That is correct, Counsel.

24 Q. Thank you.

1                   And nothing about the top you described  
2                   or the shoe laces around her neck, correct?

3                   A.     That is correct.

4                   Q.     Now, also isn't it correct that at the  
5                   time, and I am speaking of the date and time in  
6                   question that you discovered the body, that the  
7                   body was in an advanced rate of decomposition,  
8                   that as a matter of fact you believed that the  
9                   body or the person might have been shot?

10                  MR. MURPHY:  Objection, Judge.

11                  THE COURT:  Basis?

12                  MR. MURPHY:  Relevance.  What this  
13                  officer might have thought at that time.

14                  THE COURT:  What difference would it make  
15                  what he thought?

16                  MS. PLACEK:  Observations, Judge.

17                  MR. MURPHY:  Objection, your Honor.

18                  THE COURT:  The objection is sustained.

19                  MS. PLACEK:  Well, Officer, isn't it  
20                  correct that when you came to the garage in  
21                  question you knew you were investigating a  
22                  homicide, correct?

23                  A.     That's not correct.  We responded to a  
24                  call of a suspicious odor.



1 Q. Well, once you got there you knew you  
2 were investigating a homicide?

3 A. At the time I was investigating the  
4 discovery of a body.

5 Q. Let me put it this way:

6 Isn't it correct that you thought an  
7 instrumentality had been used on this body?

8 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 THE WITNESS: As initial responding?

11 MS. PLACEK:

12 Q. Did you understand my question, Officer?

13 A. Yes, Counsel.

14 Q. Can you answer it?

15 A. Nowhere in my responsibilities --

16 Q. Can you answer my question?

17 A. I am trying to, Counsel.

18 Q. Then isn't that correct that you thought  
19 an instrumentality had been, in fact, used on the  
20 body, yes or no?

21 MR. CASSIDY: Objection; irrelevant of  
22 what this officer thought.

23 THE COURT: Overruled. She's not asking  
24 him about his thought process, even though that is

1 for the purpose of the question.

2 She is asking him about his observation,  
3 his experience and interpretation of what he was  
4 viewing, that's what the essence of her question  
5 is.

6 And if you use the word "thought," that  
7 does not include to me that he is speculating,  
8 that he is guessing. He is an expert.

9 MR. CASSIDY: Judge, I understand; I  
10 understand that.

11 THE COURT: Your objection is overruled,  
12 Mr. Cassidy.

13 MR. CASSIDY: Judge, he is not testifying  
14 to the cause of death. What is the difference,  
15 what is the relevance of it?

16 THE COURT: It doesn't mean because he  
17 can't testify to the cause of death that this  
18 question is improper, it doesn't mean that the  
19 question is improper. It may not have much  
20 probative value.

21 MR. CASSIDY: Sure didn't.

22 THE COURT: That may be, Mr. Cassidy,  
23 that it may not have probative value but that  
24 doesn't make it inadmissible.

1 MS. PLACEK:

2 Q. Will you answer the question?

3 THE COURT: Please read the question, Ms.  
4 Reporter.

5 (Whereupon the record was  
6 read as requested.)

7 THE COURT: Isn't that true that you  
8 thought that instrumentality had been used on this  
9 body at the time you saw it?

10 A. At the time I observed ligatures around  
11 the neck, whether I made an inference from that, I  
12 did not.

13 Q. You did not think an instrumentality had  
14 been used on the body?

15 A. I observed ligatures about the victim's  
16 neck.

17 MS. PLACEK: Motion to strike, is  
18 non-responsive, Judge.

19 THE COURT: Motion is granted.

20 MS. PLACEK: Isn't that correct you  
21 thought an instrumentality had been used on the  
22 victim?

23 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, asked and  
24 answered.

1 THE COURT: He's not answered the  
2 question.

3 Officer, if you can, you must answer it.

4 MS. PLACEK: Isn't it correct that you  
5 thought an unknown instrumentality was, in fact,  
6 used on the victim, yes or no, Officer?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Isn't it true that you thought that  
9 instrumentality was, in fact, a firearm?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Showing you -- well, let me ask you this:  
12 Isn't it correct that you wrote a report dealing  
13 with this matter?

14 A. Officer Hughes prepared the report, I did  
15 sign the report, yes.

16 Q. When you signed it, did you adopt the  
17 report as true and correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Isn't it correct that a portion of that  
20 report deals with firearm use on the proposed  
21 victim?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Isn't it correct, yes or no, Officer?

24 A. Yes, it's a box for firearm.

1 Q. Isn't it correct that there is a type of  
2 weapon going down to type of gun, shotgun and also  
3 DNA, meaning does not apply, correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. Is it correct that you marked "unknown  
6 firearm?"

7 MR. MURPHY: Objection, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

9 MS. PLACEK: Wasn't it correct it's  
10 marked on the report that you, in fact, adopted  
11 "unknown firearm?"

12 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

14 MS. PLACEK: Basis, Judge?

15 THE COURT: It's collateral, Ms. Placek,  
16 it has no probative value.

17 MS. PLACEK: I think it does, Judge.

18 THE COURT: It's not collateral.

19 Mrs. Placek, ask another question.

20 MS. PLACEK: Sir, at the time you  
21 observed the body, did you believe the body to, in  
22 fact, be shot?

23 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

1 MS. PLACEK: Well, you described the body  
2 for the assistant State's Attorney?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Would I be correct in saying as part of  
5 your description or part of what you saw on that  
6 date and time you observed approximately a  
7 five-foot-4 black female?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 Now, let me ask you this: You spoke of  
11 doors being broken open by the police or having it  
12 broken by the police. Am I correct in assuming  
13 that the service door was, in fact, that is the  
14 side door of the garage was open when you came?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now let me ask you this, Officer: You  
17 mentioned the scene as you came upon it and you  
18 described certain clothing you found there,  
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Isn't it correct that also found was a  
22 purse with the word, "Las Vegas" on it, if you can  
23 recall?

24 A. I can't recall.

1 Q. You cannot or can?

2 A. I cannot.

3 Q. Did you inventory any of the matters  
4 found in the garage?

5 A. No, I did not.

6 Q. Approximately how long were you in the  
7 garage?

8 A. In the garage and in the area of the  
9 crime scene for approximately 3 to 4 hours.

10 Q. And you could still smell the body or an  
11 odor coming from the garage, correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. And I believe you mentioned certain body  
14 seepages, correct?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. And these were still moist, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, I believe you identified certain  
19 photos for the assistant State's Attorney,  
20 correct?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. With the exception of the last two which  
23 I believe were 45 and 46, were you present when  
24 those photos were taken?

1           A.     The -- I was present for -- we have to go  
2 photo by photo.

3           Some of the photos shown were morgue  
4 photos which I was not present for. Photos taken  
5 which compare with the garage were done and in the  
6 wintertime I was not present when those were  
7 taken.

8           Q.     Were you present when the so-called scene  
9 photos were taken?

10          A.     Yes.

11          Q.     Were you present when the body was turned  
12 over?

13          A.     Yes.

14          Q.     So let me ask you this: When you were  
15 present when the body was turned over this is when  
16 you saw the body seepage, correct, the fluids?

17          A.     Yes.

18          Q.     Thank you.

19                 Now, I will also ask you this: You  
20 identified certain tennis shoes, correct?

21          A.     Yes.

22          Q.     And incidentally you described it as a  
23 particular type, that they were whiter, correct?

24          A.     Yes, that is correct.



1 Q. Did they look new?

2 A. They appeared lighter color than they are  
3 now.

4 Q. Other than age when you saw them in the  
5 garage did they appear to be new shoes?

6 A. Fairly new shoes, they were still fairly  
7 clean and light in color.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 And by the way that "Denise" wasn't  
10 written in green was it?

11 A. No, it appeared to be red.

12 Q. Now you mentioned that the winter  
13 photographs were taken. You, of course, were  
14 present in August when the photos were taken,  
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. By the way, am I correct in assuming that  
18 one of the things that will enhance the smell in  
19 the garage was the heat, if you can recall?

20 A. Correct, it was August.

21 Q. Well, besides being August, isn't it  
22 correct that the outside temperature, when I speak  
23 of outside temperature so we have it clear, that  
24 the temperature outside of the garage was

1 approximately 90, if you can recall?

2 A. It was warm, I can't make an  
3 approximation .

4 Q. Officer, isn't it right it was more than  
5 warm it was actually hot?

6 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

7 MS. PLACEK: If he knows.

8 THE COURT: If he knows, he may answer  
9 that.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was hot, it was  
11 August.

12 Q. Not only that, but now we are speaking of  
13 the temperature inside of the garage, the  
14 temperature inside of the garage was even hotter  
15 than the outside temperature, correct?

16 A. Yes, that is correct.

17 Q. Thank you.

18 Now, your attention was, in fact, called  
19 to this diagram, referring to People's Exhibit  
20 Number 6. And I believe that you described a  
21 T-alley, correct?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. And this T-alley, am I correct in  
24 assuming that the garage where you went to that

1 day is at the end of the T-alley?

2 A. The garage is locate towards the West of  
3 the T.

4 Q. Let's talk about that for a second.

5 How far to the west of the "T" would you  
6 say?

7 A. There is no other garage there, so maybe  
8 6 feet to the west of the "T".

9 Q. And calling your attention again to  
10 People's Number 6. You can see where I am  
11 pointing, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. There seems to be a space here, correct?

14 A. Yes, that depicts the alley.

15 Q. That's another alley, correct?

16 A. That's the south alley of West 117th  
17 Street, which runs east and west.

18 Q. So it would be correct that this garage  
19 is not only boarded by an east and west alley but  
20 a north and south alley, correct?

21 A. It is to the west of the T-alley, which  
22 is the alley that runs north and south.

23 Q. I understand there is two alleys,  
24 correct?

1 A. That is correct.

2 Q. Thank you.

3 Now you gave a certain physical  
4 description, which I already asked you about. To  
5 refresh your memory, you said the person was  
6 approximately 5-foot-4. Am I correct to assume  
7 also that this person was of slight build, that  
8 is, the person you observed in the alley?

9 A. The body of the victim I would not  
10 characterize as slight.

11 Q. How would you characterize it?

12 A. Medium build.

13 Q. When you say "medium" just so his Honor  
14 Judge Holt and myself know what your speaking what  
15 would you say the body in the garage weighed to be  
16 a medium build and a five-foot-four height?

17 A. Approximately 130 pounds.

18 Q. More than at least 86 pounds, about 130  
19 correct?

20 A. More than 86.

21 Q. About 130 would be your guesstimate, if  
22 you will, correct?

23 A. That's my guesstimate, yes.

24 MS. PLACEK: I believe that's all, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Redirect?

2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION{}

3 BY MR. MURPHY:

4 Q. Officer Fassl, when you went to the crime  
5 scene did you ever weigh the body yourself?

6 MS. PLACEK: Objection, we have no  
7 problem that it's an estimate of what he saw,  
8 Judge.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 THE WITNESS: No, I did not.

11 Q. So you really don't know what the weight  
12 of the body is, is that correct?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. And, the weight that you came up with is  
15 merely a guess, is that correct?

16 A. Strictly a guess, right.

17 Q. And also as to the size of the body, did  
18 you ever take out a tape measure and measure the  
19 body from head to toe?

20 A. No, I did not.

21 Q. And the questions you were asked with  
22 respect to height, is that also a guess on your  
23 part?

24 A. Most definitely, yes.

1 Q. You really have no knowledge as to what  
2 the exact height of this body from head to toe  
3 was?

4 MS. PLACEK: Objection to his vision.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 MR. MURPHY: Is that correct, Officer?

7 A. That is correct.

8 MR. MURPHY: Nothing further, Judge.

9 RECROSS EXAMINATION {}

10 BY MS. PLACEK:

11 Q. And these guesses were made on what you  
12 saw in the garage on the date and time in  
13 question, yes?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. PLACEK: Thank you, that is all.

16 THE COURT: Anything further?

17 MR. MURPHY: No.

18 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Fassl. You  
19 may step down.

20 (Witness was excused.)

21 THE COURT: Mr. Murphy, can we put  
22 another witness on and off in 30 minutes?

23 MR. MURPHY: Judge, I would say that I  
24 can do the direct examination in 15 or 20 minutes,

1 where that would leave us for cross, I don't know.

2 THE COURT: Your witness may have to  
3 return tomorrow but he or she will have to return  
4 tomorrow anyway.

5 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand.

6 M I C H A E L B A K E R, {}

7 Called as a witness herein for the People of the  
8 State of Illinois, having been first duly sworn,  
9 was examined and testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION{}

11 BY MR. MURPHY:

12 Q. Would you please state your name?

13 A. Detective Michael Baker, B- A- K- E- R-,  
14 Star 10414; Chicago Police Department.

15 Q. And, Detective, you testified you are  
16 employed with the Chicago Police Department. How  
17 long have you been employed with the Chicago  
18 Police Department?

19 A. 18 years.

20 Q. And how long have you worked as a  
21 Detective?

22 A. Nine years.

23 Q. Detective Baker, I would like to direct  
24 your attention to the date of August 8, 1988 do

1 you remember if you were on duty on that  
2 particular date?

3 A. Yes, sir, I was.

4 I had been working from 4:30 a.m. to one  
5 a.m..

6 Q. That was your assigned shift?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did you work pass that shift?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. During the course of that shift, did you  
11 have occasion to come in contact with any  
12 individual that you see in Court today?

13 A. Jerome Hendricks.

14 Q. Could you please point to him and  
15 indicate an article of clothing?

16 A. Gray top.

17 MR. MURPHY: May the report reflect  
18 in-court identification of the defendant, your  
19 Honor?

20 THE COURT: It may so reflect.

21 MR. MURPHY:

22 Q. Det. Baker, I would like to direct your  
23 attention to that evening approximately 9:30 p.m.,  
24 did you have occasion to take the defendant



1 anywhere?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Where did you take him?

4 A. To 11th and State .

5 Q. And who else was with you at that time?

6 A. Det. Roland.

7 Q. Was the detective at 11th and State for a  
8 period of time?

9 A. Yes, he was.

10 Q. Was he subsequently taken from 11th and  
11 State to another location?

12 A. After we were through at 11th and State,  
13 he was returned to Area 2 violent crimes.

14 Q. And approximately what time was that?

15 A. Approximately 1 a.m..

16 Q. And Det. Baker, when you arrived back to  
17 Area 2 violent crimes, what, if anything, did you  
18 see?

19 A. At that time Jerome Hendricks was advised  
20 of his rights again by myself, at the time we took  
21 a detailed account of his activities on the date  
22 in question.

23 Q. And, this was approximately one in the  
24 morning?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And Det. Baker, where did that interview  
3 take place?

4 A. In the interview room Area 2 violent  
5 crimes.

6 Q. And who else was present?

7 A. Besides myself and Jerome Hendricks, Det.  
8 Roland was present.

9 Q. And now you testified that you advised  
10 the defendant of his rights?

11 A. Constitutional rights per Miranda.

12 Q. How's that?

13 A. From my FOP book.

14 MS. PLACEK: Judge, we have a motion  
15 already, no motion.

16 MR. MURPHY: Your Honor, for the record,  
17 there would be a stipulation between the parties  
18 that Detective Baker would testify he gave the  
19 defendant his Miranda Rights consistent with  
20 People versus Miranda.

21 THE COURT: The stipulation will be  
22 received.

23 So stipulated Counsel?

24 MS. PLACEK: Yes, Judge.

1 MR. MURPHY:

2 Q. Now at that time after you gave the  
3 defendant his Miranda Rights, what, if anything,  
4 did you say to him or did he say to you?

5 A. I asked him if he would give us an  
6 account of his activities on the 1st of August.

7 Q. That was the 1st of August, 1988?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what, if anything, did the defendant  
10 tell you?

11 A. He told us at that time we asked him  
12 particularly if he had seen the victim on that  
13 date. He told us that he had. He asked her to  
14 get him some candy or some ice cream from the  
15 candy lady on the street.

16 Q. How was the victim referred to in this  
17 conversation?

18 A. Denise.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And, he said that he talked to her that  
21 day, that was the first day he had met her and he  
22 asked her to get him some candy, some ice cream.  
23 He said she was going for someone else and she  
24 brought something back for him. He stated later

1 on he went home and went to some friend's house  
2 and he came back out later in the evening some  
3 time after dark and he saw the victim talking to  
4 his nephew on the street.

5 Q. Now, if I may, Detective-- I don't want  
6 to interrupt you-- did he tell you approximately  
7 when he had the contact with the victim regarding  
8 the ice cream?

9 A. Some time in the early afternoon.

10 Q. And when is the next time he told you he  
11 saw the victim?

12 A. Some time late in the p.m., some time he  
13 said it was after dark and he said he saw her by  
14 the front of his house and she was talking to his  
15 nephew. He related then he went to play  
16 basketball on numerous locations.

17 Q. And, did the defendant tell you anything  
18 else at that time?

19 A. He told us that he went to West Pullman  
20 Park and played basketball. He told us he went  
21 to Everett White School and played basketball.

22 I asked who with, he said a fellow by the  
23 name of Mike who he went to high school and a  
24 subject by the name of "Shorty Mac" who he went to

1 high school, and a fellow that he walked out with  
2 by the name of Michael Walker.

3 Q. And, what, if anything, else did he tell  
4 you?

5 A. We asked him to account for his  
6 activities the rest of the night and he said after  
7 playing basketball numerous places and having a  
8 few beers talking to people he told us that he had  
9 to meet his girlfriend at the bus stop 119th and  
10 Michigan approximately 3:30 a.m.. He told us he  
11 left after playing basketball, he wasn't sure  
12 about the time, but he walked down 119th and  
13 Michigan. He told us when he got there he had  
14 missed his girlfriend so he walked home.

15 He told us when he got home his  
16 girlfriend Jackie was there and his sister and she  
17 told him that the police had been by looking for  
18 him.

19 MS. PLACEK: Objection to out-of-court  
20 statement and other party, Judge.

21 THE COURT: No. Overruled.

22 THE WITNESS: His sister told him the  
23 police had been looking for him and at that time  
24 he went to bed.

1 MR. MURPHY:

2 Q. What time was it that he said this  
3 conversation occurred?

4 A. He wasn't sure of the time but he said  
5 the sun was up.

6 Q. So this was early morning hours of August  
7 2, 1988?

8 A. That would be correct.

9 Q. And did he say anything else to you  
10 during that conversation that you can recall?

11 A. Yes.

12 He went on to say that later on when he  
13 got up he walked his girlfriend Jackie home and in  
14 walking her home he ran into relatives of the  
15 victim, and at that time the relatives questioned  
16 him about how old he thought she was if she was 17  
17 and he stated that, "No, he didn't think she was  
18 that old," that, at least, that is what he told  
19 them at that time.

20 Q. Now, Det. Baker, how long did this  
21 conversation you had with the defendant last until  
22 approximately?

23 A. Approximately an hour and-a-half.

24 Q. So it was about 2:30 in the morning?

1           A.     Approximately 2:30, yes.

2           Q.     And, Detective, at the time while the  
3 defendant was in your presence was he ever allowed  
4 to use the bathroom?

5           A.     Yes, he was allowed to use the facility  
6 and he was also given a sandwich.

7           Q.     Now, Det. Baker, at the particular time  
8 did you make any attempts to verify what the  
9 defendant had told you?

10          A.     Yes, we did.

11          MS. PLACEK:   Objection to the form.

12          THE COURT:   Overruled.

13          MR. MURPHY:   Could you tell Judge Holt  
14 what, if anything, you and other police officers  
15 did with respect to the statement which the  
16 defendant gave you?

17          A.     Well, we specifically went to the West  
18 Pullman Park--

19          MS. PLACEK:   With all due respect, Judge,  
20 as to other police officers, there would be an  
21 objection.

22          THE COURT:   Mr. Murphy, if you can would  
23 you direct the officer's attention to what he  
24 would respond to what he did only?

1 MR. MURPHY: Yes, Judge, I will.

2 Q. Detective Baker, perhaps I will rephrase  
3 this question: Could you tell Judge Holt what, if  
4 anything, you did after you received this  
5 statement from the defendant with respect to  
6 verifying the statement that he gave to you?

7 A. Yes.

8 I went to West Pullman Park, and I went  
9 to the Edward White School looking for this Mac or  
10 "Shorty Mac" or anyone who might have seen the  
11 victim or known the victim who could verify on the  
12 date and time he told us he was there if he was,  
13 in fact, there.

14 I also attempted to locate Michael Walker  
15 who he supplied us that he had met during the  
16 evening there.

17 Q. What, if anything, did you find?

18 A. We were unable to find anyone at West  
19 Pullman or Edward White School that knew the  
20 victim or remember seeing him up there.

21 Q. The victim or the defendant?

22 A. Excuse me, the defendant.

23 MS. PLACEK: With all due respect,  
24 objection as to hearsay.



1 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

2 MS. PLACEK: Motion to strike.

3 THE COURT: Stricken.

4 MR. MURPHY:

5 Q. What else did you see, Detective?

6 A. I attempted to locate the Michael Walker  
7 that he told us he had met. At the time I spent  
8 quite a bit of time looking for him and met with  
9 negative results.

10 Q. What else did you see Detective?

11 A. In our investigation we received--

12 MS. PLACEK: With all due respect "we"?  
13 Objection to other investigators and as to  
14 information received.

15 THE COURT: Overruled, we will see what  
16 it is first.

17 THE WITNESS: Our investigators -- we  
18 were supplied information concerning a possible  
19 crime that had been committed in the area where  
20 the victim was a young female black.

21 MR. MURPHY: And at this time, Det.  
22 Baker, did you believe that the information that  
23 you received was related to this particular case  
24 that you were investigating or perhaps could be

1 related?

2 A. We were unsure but we had to check it  
3 out.

4 Q. What did you do?

5 A. We followed up on that information. We  
6 subsequently learned that there had been a crime  
7 committed, that there was a young female black.  
8 After investigation, we found out the two  
9 incidents were unrelated.

10 MS. PLACEK: Objection, motion to strike.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 MR. MURPHY: Does that describe a number  
13 of activities that you were engaged in during the  
14 early morning hours of August 2, 1988 after the  
15 defendant gave you the statement that you  
16 described?

17 A. It was in the early morning hours of  
18 August 9.

19 Q. I am sorry, August 9, 1988?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. MURPHY: Could I have a moment,  
22 Judge?

23 THE COURT: You may.

24 MR. MURPHY:

1 Q. And, Det. Baker, subsequently was Michael  
2 Walker, in fact, located by the police?

3 A. Yes, he was.

4 MS. PLACEK: Objection, foundation, if he  
5 did it himself, Judge; foundation.

6 THE COURT: Overruled. If he knows, he  
7 may answer.

8 MR. MURPHY:

9 Q. Was Michael Walker located?

10 A. Yes, he was.

11 MR. MURPHY: No further questions,  
12 Judge.

13 THE COURT: Cross examination.

14 CROSS EXAMINATION[]

15 BY MS. PLACEK:

16 Q. Sir, am I correct that you Mirandize  
17 suspects, true?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 Now drawing your attention to the evening  
21 hours of the date and time in question, how long  
22 were you at Area 2 before you took the defendant  
23 somewhere?

24 A. I don't understand your question there.

1 Q. Well, before taking the defendant  
2 somewhere, how long were you in Area 2?

3 A. Since I started work at 4:30, I was out,  
4 I came back in with him and we left at  
5 approximately 9:30.

6 Q. Well, would it be correct in saying that  
7 you were there from 4:30 to approximately 9:30?

8 A. I came to work and left at 9:30.

9 Q. You left at 9:30?

10 A. The office, yes.

11 Q. So from 4:30 to 9:30 you were at Area 2?

12 A. No, I came to work at 4:30. Some time in  
13 the evening we came back in at approximately Eight  
14 o'clock or so, went back out. We came back and  
15 subsequently left again with Jerome at 9:30.

16 Q. Let me ask you this: Did you see Michael  
17 Walker in Area 2 being Mirandized and being  
18 questioned about this same event?

19 A. No.

20 MR. MURPHY: Objection to the form of the  
21 question.

22 THE COURT: No. Overruled.

23 MS. PLACEK: Thank you.

24 Q. To the best of your knowledge do you know

1 whether Michael Walker was Mirandized and  
2 questioned to the same event?

3 MR. MURPHY: Objection to the form of  
4 that question, it's a double question.

5 THE COURT: If the witness understands  
6 it, he may answer. I don't find it to be a  
7 compound question as to have to answer  
8 unintelligently.

9 Mr. Cassidy?

10 MR. CASSIDY: Judge, I have a question.

11 MS. PLACEK: Judge, if it's a question to  
12 instruct the officers --

13 MR. CASSIDY: No, your Honor.

14 I am making an objection. I don't  
15 believe the officer can testify unless he has  
16 personal knowledge whether Michael Walker was  
17 Mirandized. I understand we asked the question  
18 that was only to find out what he did next. I  
19 don't think Counsel was offering it as to the  
20 truth of the matter asserted.

21 THE COURT: No, I don't think she cares  
22 one way or the other whether Mr. Walker was  
23 Mirandized since it's not relevant to anything.

24 MS. PLACEK: It may be, Judge.

1 Q. Was Michael Walker Mirandized in the  
2 station do you know on the night in question?

3 THE COURT: You are talking about August  
4 8?

5 MS. PLACEK: That is correct.

6 A. We didn't know Michael Walker.

7 Q. So you didn't even know Michael Walker.

8 According to your testimony, you are  
9 speaking, I take it, when you say "we," you mean  
10 the Chicago Police Department, didn't know Michael  
11 Walker may be involved in this case?

12 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

13 THE COURT: That's too many questions.

14 MS. PLACEK: Before we go into the  
15 statement, we have a motion as to the testimony as  
16 to the alleged statement as prior consistent  
17 testimony, Judge.

18 THE COURT: I'm afraid, I don't  
19 understand the nature of what you just said.

20 MS. PLACEK: I bring the Court's  
21 attention to the first day of this trial when Det.  
22 Nitsche testified and, I believe, Judge, that a  
23 similar matter was brought out. I would suggest,  
24 Judge, that this is a prior consistent statement

1 given by the defendant. We would have a motion to  
2 strike.

3 THE COURT: I don't have the foggiest  
4 notion of what you are talking about.

5 Put a question to the witness.

6 MS. PLACEK: Sure, Judge.

7 Officer, drawing your attention to the  
8 questioning of the defendant, you said that he saw  
9 someone by the name of Michael Walker, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And he played basketball with somebody by  
12 the name of Mike, right?

13 A. Several people.

14 Q. So Michael Walker, it was your  
15 understanding and someone by the name of Mike were  
16 two distinct people, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Thanks.

19 Now, incidentally you said that in the  
20 early morning hours of the 9th you went to certain  
21 places, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What was the first place that you went on  
24 the early morning hours of the 9th?

1           A.     I believe the first place was West  
2 Pullman Park.

3           Q.     What time?

4           A.     The exact time, I don't remember.

5           Q.     Was it before 2 a.m. or after 2 a.m.?

6           A.     Well, we didn't get through talking to  
7 Jerome until after 2:30, so it was after 2:30.

8           Q.     Was it before or after the sun went  
9 up?

10          A.     It was before the sun came up.

11          Q.     Did you go especially to the basketball  
12 court?

13          A.     Yes, I did.

14          Q.     How many people did you see on the  
15 basketball court?

16          A.     I don't recall.

17          Q.     Did you see anyone off the basketball  
18 court?

19          A.     Yes, I did.

20          Q.     When you say you saw some people, how  
21 many did you see?

22          A.     I don't recall.

23          Q.     Was it more than five?

24          A.     Five, 6, maybe a half dozen.



1 Q. Maybe a dozen?

2 A. No, it wasn't that many.

3 Q. How many of them did you talk to?

4 A. I talked to several of them.

5 Q. How many is several?

6 A. Two or three.

7 Q. Let me ask you this. What was the next  
8 stop you made?

9 A. Edward White School.

10 Q. Is that a grammar or high school?

11 A. Grammer school.

12 Q. Did you go to a court or is there a  
13 basketball court there?

14 A. There is an exercise facility on the  
15 outside, basketball court.

16 Q. What time did you go there?

17 A. It was some time just before the sun came  
18 up.

19 Q. So it was still dark?

20 A. Just turning light, yes.

21 Q. How many people did you see there?

22 A. Didn't see anyone there.

23 Q. So you couldn't talk to anyone at that  
24 hour of the morning, could you?

1           A.    If I didn't see anyone, I couldn't talk  
2 to them.

3           Q.    Thank you, Officer.

4                   But when you did talk to these several  
5 people, did you identify yourself as a police  
6 officer?

7           A.    Yes, I did.

8           Q.    Did you give them their Miranda Warnings?

9           A.    No.

10           MR. MURPHY:  Objection.

11           THE COURT:  Overruled.

12           MS. PLACEK:  Thank you.

13                   May I have one moment, Judge?

14                               (There was a brief pause.)

15           MS. PLACEK:

16           Q.    By the way, I believe you said that as  
17 part of the conversation you had with the  
18 defendant, that the defendant, in fact, said that  
19 on a later date, I believe on the 2nd, he met some  
20 of the family, correct?

21           A.    That is correct.

22           Q.    Did he name what family members?

23           A.    Not that I recall, no.

24           Q.    Did you ask him?

1 A. I don't remember.

2 Q. Well, do you remember whether or not you  
3 asked him at approximately what time he saw these  
4 family members?

5 A. He told me he saw them some time when he  
6 was walking his girlfriend Jackie home.

7 Q. Do you remember whether or not you asked  
8 him what time that was?

9 A. No, I don't remember.

10 Q. Whether or not-- and I am speaking of  
11 the event of August 1st-- you asked him  
12 approximately what time he saw the young lady and  
13 asked her to get some candy from the candy man?

14 A. That was some time around noon.

15 Q. When you say, "around noon" is that what  
16 he said or what you remember?

17 A. That is what I remember him saying.

18 Q. Do you remember where he saw her at?

19 A. Somewhere on the street where he lives.

20 Q. When you say, "somewhere on the street  
21 where he lives," do you remember whether or not  
22 you asked him exactly where it was?

23 A. I don't remember if I asked the exact  
24 address, no.

1 Q. Do you remember whether or not you asked  
2 him at all exactly where it was?

3 A. I asked him where he saw her at. He told  
4 me on the street by his house.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 Would I be correct in assuming that  
7 likewise I believe you said on August 1, he  
8 allegedly saw her again, right?

9 A. That is right.

10 Q. Am I correct in assuming that your  
11 investigation and your questioning proceeded like  
12 you have been describing, you didn't ask him the  
13 exact location, correct?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. I had asked him where he saw her.

16 Q. And what did he say?

17 A. He said he saw her in front of his house,  
18 she was talking to his nephew.

19 Q. And did you ask him his nephew's name?

20 A. I don't remember if I did or not.

21 Q. Could his nephew have been named Chew?

22 A. As well as any other name, yes.

23 Q. When you say, "as well as any other  
24 name"--

1 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Overruled.

3 MS. PLACEK: In this investigation of a  
4 murder, did you ask whether or not his nephew--  
5 for his nephew's real name?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q. Do you recall whether or not you asked  
8 him where his nephew lives, or was that as well as  
9 anyplace else?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 Q. Well, would I be correct in saying-- and  
12 let me also ask you this: Whether you asked  
13 Mr. Hendricks whether or not he saw the girl after  
14 that date and time, I'm speaking of August 1st?

15 MR. CASSIDY: Objection. This is several  
16 questions. I don't mean to be objecting to  
17 interrupt but there are several compound  
18 questions.

19 THE COURT: Do you understand the  
20 question, Mr. Baker.

21 THE WITNESS: No, Judge, not the entirety  
22 of it.

23 MS. PLACEK: Let me ask you this: In  
24 your investigation did you ask Mr. Hendricks

1 whether or not he saw the girl after 9:30, if you  
2 recall?

3 A. What happened after 9:30, I don't  
4 understand?

5 Q. After 9:30, August 1st?

6 A. After I talked to him I asked him if he  
7 saw her again, he said no.

8 Q. Did you make question of that fact?

9 A. Make question?

10 Q. Simple, Officer--

11 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, Judge, relevance.

12 THE COURT: And argumentative.

13 MR. CASSIDY: Sure is.

14 MS. PLACEK: Officer, let me ask you  
15 this: In this investigation, approximately how  
16 long did you speak to the defendant?

17 A. Approximately an hour and-a-half.

18 Q. And in that hour and-a-half, am I correct  
19 in saying that you didn't put down with accuracy  
20 of where he actually saw the girl?

21 MR. CASSIDY: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

23 MS. PLACEK: Officer, did you ever ask  
24 the defendant what the girl was wearing when, in

1 fact, he saw her?

2 A. I don't recall if I asked him what  
3 clothing she was wearing, no.

4 Q. Do you recall whether or not you ever  
5 asked the defendant whether or not she had changed  
6 her clothes between the Twelve o'clock and the  
7 9:30 sightings?

8 A. I don't recall ever asking him if she  
9 changed her clothes, no.

10 Q. Do you ever recall whether or not you  
11 checked out whether the defendant went to the high  
12 school where he said he went?

13 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, Judge, to the  
14 form of the question. I don't understand it.

15 THE COURT: If the witness understands,  
16 he may answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Which high school?

18 MS. PLACEK: Well, the defendant did give  
19 you a name of a gentleman he went to high school  
20 with, correct?

21 A. He said he knew him from high school.

22 Q. Did you ask what high school the  
23 defendant went to?

24 A. I asked him what high school and he said

1 Harlan.

2 Q. Did you ever check that out?

3 A. By going back to the basketball courts,  
4 yes.

5 Q. When you say you checked it, that's how  
6 you checked it out?

7 A. When it's 3 in the morning and he said he  
8 saw them at a basketball court that is where I go  
9 to check.

10 Q. So am I correct in saying, as the State's  
11 Attorney pointed out, your entire investigation,  
12 quite frankly, consisted of going places where  
13 there might or might not be people there to check  
14 out what you found out from the defendant during  
15 the interrogation, correct?

16 A. Since they were his alibi, yes.

17 Q. Let me ask you this: When you say "since  
18 they were his alibis" after that Three o'clock  
19 time did you ever go back and try and check it out  
20 further, yes or no, Officer?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Let me ask you this: Did you ever check  
23 out where the defendant, in fact, and I am  
24 speaking of going to the high school possibly when



1 it's opened, going to the high school he said he  
2 went to and try and find out who Mike was??

3 A. Harlan High School is--

4 MS. PLACEK: Motion to strike. It's  
5 non-responsive.

6 MR. CASSIDY: Judge, may he be able to  
7 answer the question?

8 THE COURT: Miss Placek, there has been  
9 an objection.

10 Can I hear the question again, Ms.  
11 Reporter?

12 (Whereupon the record was  
13 read as requested.)

14 THE COURT: Do you have an objection to  
15 that question?

16 MR. MURPHY: Judge, we don't object to  
17 the question. The officer was in the process of  
18 answering it and Counsel interrupted.

19 MS. PLACEK: I will withdraw and  
20 rephrase, Judge.

21 THE COURT: Put another question.

22 MS. PLACEK: Did you ever go to the high  
23 school the defendant said he attended and find out  
24 if, in fact, he went there?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you ever, in fact, ever go to that  
3 high school with an idea to find out who Mike was?

4 A. No; no, I did not.

5 Q. Let me ask you this: You spoke of going  
6 to two schools, correct?

7 A. No, I spoke of going to two places where  
8 basketball courts were at.

9 Q. Well, in those two places, how long of a  
10 time were you at the first place?

11 A. Ten minutes.

12 Q. Did you have a picture of the defendant?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. And when you had a picture of the  
15 defendant, did you, in fact, ask those several  
16 people for their names?

17 A. No, I didn't.

18 Q. Thank you.

19 The second place there was no one there,  
20 correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Officer, how long were you totally  
23 including the ten minutes you were at the place  
24 where there was people involved that morning with

1 looking for people that the defendant had told you  
2 about?

3 A. Several hours.

4 Q. When you say "several hours" we have ten  
5 minutes accounted for at the first place, correct?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. Well let's talk about the second place.  
8 How long did you spend there?

9 A. I just don't remember. It takes time to  
10 travel.

11 Q. Would it be correct in saying that in  
12 truth the majority of those several hours that you  
13 spent weren't in speaking to people or going to  
14 people's homes or even in asking people on the  
15 street, but in travel time?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So actually would it be correct in saying  
18 that in total ten minutes of those several hours  
19 was all you did in the real investigation  
20 involving this case, the rest was spent in travel  
21 time?

22 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, Judge,  
23 argumentative.

24 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 MS. PLACEK: Is that correct?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Well, let's talk about it. You didn't  
4 talk to anybody at the second place, correct?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. How long were you at the second place?

7 A. There was no one there. Two minutes.

8 Q. So now we have twelve minutes.

9 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, Judge, to her  
10 comment.

11 THE COURT: You can calculate it in your  
12 head.

13 MS. PLACEK: I will try, Judge; I will  
14 try.

15 Q. Twelve minutes you were in total at the  
16 two places, is that correct?

17 A. Approximately.

18 Q. Now, I believe you said the sun was  
19 dawning in the sky when you were at the second  
20 place, correct?

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. Approximately what time did you get off  
23 work that date, time in question?

24 A. I didn't.

1 Q. You stayed all way?

2 A. Day.

3 Q. Yes. Am I correct in assuming that you  
4 didn't leave until 12 midnight?

5 A. No, I said longer than that.

6 Q. Well, you stayed the following day,  
7 correct?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. So am I correct in saying that, in fact,  
10 you started work at approximately Four o'clock on  
11 August 8, 1988 and you stayed until the hours of  
12 August 10, correct?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. And you were without sleep, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And you functioned fine, correct?

17 MR. CASSIDY: Objection.

18 THE COURT: Overruled, he can tell us.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 MS. PLACEK: Would it be correct in  
21 saying on August 10th you not only functioned  
22 fine, but you didn't leave until 11:30 at night.

23 MR. CASSIDY: Objection, relevance.

24 THE COURT: Well, we are trying to find

1 out whether his mind was functioning after being  
2 up 36 hours or so, which is relative to the  
3 quality of his investigation and the credibility  
4 of it. Now, it may not have much, but it is  
5 relevant, just as relevant.

6 MR. CASSIDY: Sure, Judge, if he is doing  
7 something.

8 THE COURT: Well, he didn't stay up just  
9 to see if he could be awake all that time, Mr.  
10 Cassidy.

11 MS. PLACEK: Is school over, Judge?

12 MR. CASSIDY: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Placek, those comments  
14 are not necessary.

15 MS. PLACEK: I apologize, Judge.

16 Q. On August 10th, would it be correct in  
17 saying did you sign out August 10th or did you  
18 continue working August 10?

19 A. No.

20 Q. What time did you sign out August 10?

21 A. About 1 a.m..

22 Q. So at 1 a.m. August 10 would it be  
23 correct in saying that you have worked straight on  
24 this case alone from approximately 4 when you

1 checked in on August 8?

2 A. This case with all its variations, yes.

3 Q. And you had gone without sleep?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. As you testified, and you had gone  
6 without food?

7 A. I didn't starve myself, I stopped and  
8 ate.

9 Q. How many times?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 Q. And by the way the August-- Well, let  
12 me ask you this: By the way, you haven't been up  
13 36 hours today, have you?

14 MR. MURPHY: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Objection sustained.

16 MS. PLACEK: Well, let me put it this  
17 way, Officer, calling your attention to the  
18 testimony today, am I correct in assuming that  
19 there were certain things you couldn't remember?

20 MR. MURPHY: Objection, Judge.

21 THE COURT: Overruled.

22 MS. PLACEK: There are certain things you  
23 couldn't remember?

24 A. Certain things, yes.

1 Q. Am I correct in assuming in order to  
2 prepare yourself for testifying today that, in  
3 fact, you read your reports, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Several times, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Not only several times, but you  
8 overlooked the whole investigation of the Chicago  
9 Police Department to prepare for any questions  
10 that might or might not be asked, correct?

11 A. I looked over reports that I had  
12 available, yes.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 By the way, again am I correct in  
15 assuming that you have not been up 36 hours today?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. By the way, when we speak of 36 hours  
18 previous to this four p.m. starting time, when  
19 was the last time-- I'm not meaning to get  
20 personal, so I will say sleep-- when was the last  
21 time you went to sleep prior to the time you  
22 started work on August 8th?

23 A. I don't know. I probably got up around  
24 noon on that day.



1 MS. PLACEK: Thank you, Officer.

2 THE WITNESS: You are welcome.

3 MS. PLACEK: That's all, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Redirect?

5 REDIRECT EXAMINATION {}

6 BY MR. MURPHY:

7 Q. Det. Baker, during the course of the  
8 conversation you had with the defendant, you asked  
9 him what contact he had with the victim on the  
10 date of August 1, 1988 and early morning hours of  
11 August 2, 1988, is that correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. And the extent of contact he had with her  
14 was on two separate occasions that he described  
15 them to you, is that correct?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. That was it?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. And that was the focus of your  
20 questioning you had with him as to what contact he  
21 had with this girl, Denise?

22 MS. PLACEK: Objection, prior  
23 consistency, Judge.

24 THE Court: Overruled.

1 MR. MURPHY:

2 Q. Is that correct?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. After he gave you this statement, you  
5 attempted to verify it by going to these parks to  
6 see if anybody saw him on the night before, is  
7 that correct?

8 MS. PLACEK: Objection to the word  
9 "verify," Judge.

10 THE COURT: Overruled.

11 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

12 MS. PLACEK:

13 Q. Were you able to find anybody who saw him?

14 A. No, I was not.

15 Q. Did you find people who were at the West  
16 Pullman Park the night before?

17 MS. Placek: Objection.

18 THE Court: The objection is sustained.

19 MR. Murphy:

20 Q. Now, during the course of this statement  
21 he gave you, he told you he met Michael Walker, is  
22 that correct?

23 MS. Placek: Objection, that's not what  
24 he stated, Judge. He said he saw Michael Walker.

1 THE Court: The objection's overruled.

2 MR. Murphy:

3 Q. What did he tell you with regards to  
4 Michael Walker?

5 A. He had met Michael Walker during the  
6 evening.

7 Q. And when did he say he saw-- met Michael  
8 Walker?

9 A. Between traveling between basketball  
10 games.

11 Q. That would have been on August 1, 1988 or  
12 August 2nd?

13 A. No. That would have been August 2nd.

14 Q. And Det. Baker, you have been asked a  
15 lot of questions about how much sleep you had this  
16 particular night. You, in fact, worked past your  
17 normal shift, is that correct?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. And when you worked past the time your  
20 shift was supposed to end, why did you do that?

21 MS. Placek; Objection.

22 THE Court: The objection is sustained.

23 MR. Murphy:

24 Q. Well, during the time you stayed on past

1 the normal time your shift would end, did you work  
2 on only one case?

3 MS. Placek: Objection.

4 THE Court: Overruled.

5 MR. Murphy:

6 Q. In fact, you worked on that other matter  
7 which you described, is that correct?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. At the time that you handled that matter,  
10 you thought there might be a relationship between  
11 that matter and this matter, is that correct?

12 MS. Placek: Objection.

13 THE Court: Overruled.

14 THE Witness: That is correct.

15 MR. Murphy:

16 Q. Other than that matter and this case, did  
17 you work on any other cases?

18 A. No, I did not.

19 Q. And during the course of time you were  
20 completing your investigation or doing your  
21 investigation on August 8th and August 9th, did  
22 you prepare reports summarizing your activities  
23 and the statement you received?

24 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And did you do that August 8th and August  
2 9th?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 MR. MURPHY: Nothing further, Judge.

5 THE Court: Recross?.

6 MS. Placek: A few questions.

7 RECROSS EXAMINATION {}

8 BY MS. PLACEK:

9 Q. So, it's not unusual for you to work  
10 twenty-four hours past your shift?

11 MR. Murphy: Objection.

12 THE Court: Sustained.

13 MS. Placek:

14 Q. Well, Officer, do you remember when the  
15 assistant State's Attorney was asking you  
16 questions on direct examination?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you remember you saying that the  
19 defendant told you he saw Michael Walker?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And at that time you used the word not  
22 "met" but you used the word "saw" in answer to the  
23 State's Attorney's questions?

24 A. He said he met Michael Walker.

1 Q. Did you understand my question?

2 Motion to strike; it's not responsive.

3 THE Court: The motion is granted.

4 MS. Placek:

5 Q. Isn't it correct that at that time under  
6 questioning of the State's Attorney on direct  
7 examination, you used the word "saw," correct?

8 A. I believe so.

9 Q. And do you remember about five seconds  
10 ago, or even less, that I asked you whether or not  
11 the defendant told you he saw Michael Walker, you  
12 answered my question as "yes," correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 MS. Placek: Thank you.

15 Nothing further, Judge. Thank you.

16 THE Court: Anything further?

17 RE-REDIRECT EXAMINATION {}

18 BY MR. MURPHY:

19 Q. Det. Baker, when you prepared your  
20 report summarizing the statement the defendant  
21 gave you, did you write in your report--.

22 MS. Placek: Objection to anything he  
23 wrote in the statement.

24 THE Court: Objection sustained.

1 MR. Murphy: No further questions.

2 THE Court: Anything further?

3 MS. Placek: No.

4 THE Court: Thank you, Mr. Baker. You  
5 may step down.

6 THE Witness: Thank you, Judge.

7 THE Court: This matter is continued  
8 order of court, February 14, One p.m..

9 MS. Placek: Your Honor, we've  
10 subpoenaed, and we are telling you this for the  
11 simple reason-- We filed a subpoena, we also  
12 subpoenaed, if the Court remembers Officer  
13 Kaddigen from the other day, the subpoena was  
14 issued for today. We attempted to contact him.  
15 If you remember the Court's comment to him is try  
16 and keep in contact. I just ask if the State had  
17 any contact?

18 MR. CASSIDY: I got a message that he  
19 called. He left a number and asked did we need  
20 him for today, I told him no.

21 MS. Placek; Well, I'm glad the State is  
22 taking good care of our witnesses.

23 THE Court: Well, your case is ready to  
24 go forth.

1 MS. Placek: I understand. But I would  
2 like to talk to him before.

3 THE Court: Well, you didn't inform us of  
4 that.

5 MS. Placek: Judge, we expected him to  
6 call us.

7 THE Court: Mrs. Placek, if you expect a  
8 Chicago Police Officer to call you in response to  
9 your subpoena, you haven't been around very long.

10 MS. Placek: Judge, I'm glad the Court  
11 knows where the bias is.

12 THE Court: The Court's adjourned until  
13 tomorrow.

14 (WHEREUPON the trial of this  
15 cause was adjourned and  
16 continued to tomorrow, February  
17 14, 1991.)  
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8 STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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10 JEROME HENDRICKS )

11 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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13 BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14th day  
14 of February, A.D., 1991, this matter came on for  
15 hearing before the Honorable LEO HOLT, Judge of  
16 said Court.

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18 APPEARANCES:  
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20 (As heretofore noted.)  
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1 THE CLERK: Sheet 7, Line 1, Jerome Hendricks

2 THE COURT: Mr. Hendricks.

3 Both sides ready?

4 MS. PLACEK: Yes, Judge.

5 THE COURT: Are we waiting for Mr. Lufrano?

6 MR. PLACEK: I believe Mr. Lufrano is a little  
7 detained, Judge. He is in the lockup.

8 THE COURT: Are you ready to proceed, Mr.  
9 Cassidy?

10 MR. CASSIDY: Yes, Judge.

11 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

12 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, your Honor.

13 (Witness sworn.)

14 THE COURT: That microphone is on. If you will  
15 pull it over in front of you, speak directly into it,  
16 keep your voice up, we will all hear you.

17 You may proceed, Mr. Cassidy.

18 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, your Honor.

1 DET. JOHN YUCAITIS,  
2 called as a witness herein, after having been first  
3 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:  
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5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY

7 MR. CASSIDY:

8 Q Please state your name and spell your last  
9 name?

10 A My name is John Yucaitis, Y-u-c-a-i-t-i-s.

11 Q And whom are you employed by?

12 A I am employed by the Chicago Department  
13 of Police.  
14

15 Q And what is your current assignment?

16 A Currently assigned to Area 2 Violent  
17 Crimes.

18 Q How long have you been assigned there?

19 A I have been assigned there since February  
20 of 1968.

21 Q And how long have you been a Police  
22 Officer?  
23

24 A 26 and a half years.

Q Calling your attention to the date of